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PURIFYING PROCESS FOR PHOSPHATIDYLSERINE

## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

After the issue of a notice of allowance, prosecution of the above-referenced application was re-opened through the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, in order to bring newly-discovered references to the attention of the Examiner.

Prior to the resumption of examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claim 2 to read as follows:

2. (amended) Process according to claim 1, in which said hydrocarbon solvent is selected from the group consisting of toluene, xylene, n-heptane, n-hexane and cyclohexane.

Add the following new claims:

17. A purifying process for phosphatidylserine having formula (I)

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_2OR_1} \\ | \\ \operatorname{CHOR_2} \\ | \\ \operatorname{CH_2O--P(=O)--OCH_2---CH(NH_2)--COOH} \\ | \\ X \end{array}$$

where R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>, identical or different, are C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> acyl groups; X is OH or OM, where M is

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